

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1118

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Sarah Elizabeth Phillips,
2008 Valedictorian of Scott High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Elizabeth Phillips is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Scott High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Phillips has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Sarah has earned an exemplary 4.1429 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young lady has earned numerous accolades, including receipt of an Honorable Mention Award in basketball; inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and on her school's Honor Roll for twelve years; and distinction as a Tennessee Scholar and Highlander Writing Star; she also won the talent competition in the Cinderella State Pageant ; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Sarah is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Beta Club, S.W.A.T. Club, FCCLA, and Pep Club; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips has provided outstanding leadership as a member of the Lady Highlander varsity basketball, softball and soccer teams and as Senior Class Vice President; and

WHEREAS, she has evidenced a strong commitment to good citizenship and public service at an early age by donating her time and talents to several worthy causes, including the Scott County Museum, Remote Area Medical, and Andrea Walks for Tennessee's Children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Phillips's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Sarah's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Tony and Debbie Phillips, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Elizabeth Phillips's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sarah Elizabeth Phillips, 2008 Scott High School Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.